

Eating Out

Fleydo English School • Teens • A2 • Reading • 30 min

Lesson Objectives

- Read a restaurant narrative
- Use polite requests
- Learn restaurant vocabulary
- Make polite complaints
- Write a restaurant review

Part 1: Reading — A Birthday Dinner

Arriving: Zoe's 15th birthday. Dad: "I'd like a table for four, please." They had a reservation under Collins. The waiter showed them to a table by the window.

Ordering: Mum: "Could I have the tomato soup and grilled chicken?" Dad: "Can I have the steak, medium rare?" Zoe chose pasta. Max ordered a burger. "Would you like any drinks?" asked the waiter. Dad: "Could we have some bread for the table?"

The Meal: Soup was delicious, garlic bread crispy. Zoe's pasta was creamy. Max: "Best burger ever!" But the chips were cold. "Excuse me, could we have fresh chips?" — "I'm sorry, I'll get some right away."

Dessert & Bill: Zoe's brownie came with a candle — staff sang Happy Birthday! "Embarrassing but sweet." Dad asked for the bill (£58), paid by card, left a 10% tip. "Best birthday dinner ever!"

Part 2: Comprehension

1. Why are they at the restaurant? (Zoe's 15th birthday.)
2. What did Mum order as starter? (Tomato soup.)
3. What was wrong with the chips? (Cold.)
4. What happened with Zoe's brownie? (Candle + staff sang.)
5. How did they pay? (By card, £58, 10% tip.)

Part 3: Grammar — Polite Requests

Ordering Politely (3 levels)

Can I have...? (polite) < Could I have...? (more polite) < I'd like... (very polite)

Always add please! "I'd like" = I would like. NOT "I like" (= enjoy).

☐ Waiter's Questions

Would you like any drinks? Are you ready to order?

How would you like your steak? (rare/medium/well-done)

☐ Polite Complaints & Paying

Excuse me, the chips are cold. Could we have fresh chips?

Could we have the bill? Can we pay by card? Is service included?

☐ Part 4: Quiz

1. "___ the chicken, please." (very polite)
a) I want b) I'd like c) I like d) I'm wanting
2. "___ I have the bill?" (polite)
a) Could b) Would c) Should d) Must
3. "___ you like any drinks?" (waiter)
a) Do b) Would c) Could d) Can
4. What was wrong with the chips?
a) Salty b) Cold c) Small d) Burnt
5. Most polite way to order?
a) I want coffee b) Give me coffee c) I'd like coffee, please d) Coffee!
6. Total bill?
a) £48 b) £58 c) £68 d) £78

☞ Part 5: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ a table for two, please. (very polite)
2. _____ the chicken pasta, please? (more polite)
3. _____ any drinks? (waiter offering)
4. _____ some bread for the table? (polite)
5. _____, the soup is cold. (complaint)
6. I'm sorry. _____ a fresh one. (waiter)
7. _____ the bill, please? (polite)
8. Can we _____? (paying)

Answers: 1. I'd like 2. Could I have 3. Would you like 4. Can we have 5. Excuse me 6. I'll bring
7. Could we have 8. pay by card

Part 6: Speaking & Writing

- Do you like eating out?
- What's your favourite restaurant?
- Have you ever had a problem at a restaurant?

✍ Write a Restaurant Review 10-14 sentences. Where you went, why, what you ordered (starter/main/dessert), food adjectives (delicious, crispy, creamy), service, would you recommend it? Start: "Last month, I went to..."

Review Checklist

- I can order politely with I'd like / Could I have.
- I understand the politeness scale.
- I can use Would you like...? to offer.
- I can make a polite complaint.
- I know restaurant vocabulary.
- I can write a restaurant review.

Well done! You completed Lesson 9: Eating Out!

□ Answer Key

Quiz Answers:

1. b) I'd like
2. a) Could
3. b) Would
4. b) Cold
5. c) I'd like coffee, please
6. b) £58